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VILLANOVA'S GOLD BECOMES L.S.D. PRESIDENT

by Vin DiMonte



On August 11, it was announced to the Law Student Division, House of Delegates in Montreal, that Lynne Gold of Villanova Law School had become President of the Law Student Division. She is the first woman to hold this position and the first female president of any division of the American Bar Association.

Ms. Gold recently discussed her election and her plans for the upcoming year with "The Docket". She began by viewing the election as a symbol that the A.B.A. welcomes participation and leadership by all in the divergent law school population. Also, it demonstrated that there was a place in the law school experience for those people, especially married women like herself, who had returned to the educational process after a long absence. She left college when she got married, then returned to college twelve years and four children later. She was valedictorian at Albright College, before entering Villanova Law School in 1973.

The new president then spoke of her desire to make students more aware of the "activist" possibilities of the Division: "The representation of the L.S.D./A.B.A. in the A.B.A. House of Delegates gives law students a strong voice in A.B.A. policy . . .". She also hopes to involve more members in the many opportunities and services which Law Student Division provides. There are plans to establish more contacts with the organized bar and to increase the opportunity of meeting law students and lawyers from across the country.

One of her campaign programs is the creation of an L.S.D. committee at each school: "Traditionally, the L.S.D. representative, the key to L.S.D./A.B.A. success, has been the only contact, apart from the *Student Lawyer*, which the individual member has had with the national office."

President Gold stated further: "An L.S.D. Committee, composed of members from each class of the law school, could perform all the duties of the single representative. The committee form serves a dual purpose. It provides a continuity of knowledge and interest, as well as the reservoir of talent and enthusiasm needed to perform the representative's functions. In addition, it involves more students in the Division."

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A.A.L.L. NAMES PROFESSOR HAMMOND, PRESIDENT

by Barry Schuster

If a librarian had only properly instructed Moses on his search for the Laws, it might not have been necessary for him to climb all the way to the mountain top and then carry around two large stones. Today, such problems can be circumvented by well informed and up to date law libraries. Since its founding in 1906, the American Association of Law Libraries has sought to promote such high standards of librarianship by increasing the usefulness of law libraries. By maintaining an active dialogue among its nearly 2000 members, located in the U.S., Canada, and several foreign countries, the AALL provides law librarians with resources, programs, and techniques necessary to keep the libraries complete, efficient, and current.

With these standards and goals in mind, the members of the AALL have elected Jane Hammond, Professor of Law and Law Librarian of the Villanova School of Law, to the post of President of the AALL. Professor Hammond, who received her J.D. from Villanova, assumes this prestigious position with highly respected credentials. She previously held two major chairpersonships in the Association and was the AALL secretary from 1966-1968. Ms. Hammond, although formally installed as President this past June in ceremonies in California, began her rigorous term in the summer of 1974. Since that time, her life has hardly been that



Professor Jane Hammond

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NEW ASSOC. DEAN, J. EDWARD COLLINS

By Louis C. Rosen

Prof. J. Edward Collins, a member of the law school faculty since 1961, has been appointed Associate Dean.

Collins has in the past been chairman of the admissions committee, a very time-consuming position. In an interview Collins said that he will continue his admissions activities, although the level of his participation will depend on a general reorganization.

In his new post of Associate Dean, Collins will be responsible for registration problems, class schedules, examination scheduling, the school calendar and student recruitment. His teaching schedule will be reduced although he will continue to teach Contracts and Contract Drafting.

"I would like to be involved in classroom work as much as possible," Collins said. "But the demands of this position may mean I'll have to back off."

The immediate concern, Collins said, is to relieve Dean J. Willard O'Brien of some of the day-to-day routine of the law school. Collins will, for example, act as a buffer when students come in with their problems.

In addition, Collins will assist in the development of programs designed to make the law school more responsive to the needs of the profession and the community. Under consideration are institutes for members of the profession, programs for the improvement of legal services for the aged, the devel-

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THE DEAN'S COLUMN



by J. Willard O'Brien
Dean

I am delighted to welcome back our second and third year men and women. I am particularly pleased to extend to the entering class my very best wishes on this the beginning of your career in law. With each of you I share a concern for the future. If we can put aside the distractions of the trivial and work diligently and together, we can make some progress in the struggle for a just and sensitive profession and society. One step in that direction is to make the Law School more responsive to the needs of the profession and the community. Among the things presently being considered for implementation by the Law School are institutes for members of the profession, programs for the improvement of legal services for the aged, the development of a prototype law office to make more efficient and less costly legal services for the middle income group, and the establishment of a center for the victims of crimes, the purpose of which would be to make less traumatic the experiences that those already victimized will have with the ensuing legal processes. Some of these will work; some will not. Others will be added.

I have projected a series of administrative changes in an effort to provide better and more efficient service to our applicants, students and graduates. Some of the changes have already occurred. Many of you know that I have appointed Professor J. Edward Collins to the post of Associate Dean. He will be responsible for, among other things, registration problems, class schedules, examination scheduling, the calendar, student recruitment, and the handling of the customary student concerns which usually range from the operation of the cafeteria to snow removal. Dean Collins will play a major role in the implementation of the Law School's efforts to aid the profession and the community. For the information of our graduates, I hasten to add that Dean Collins will, of course, continue to teach Contracts.

Professor Jane L. Hammond, our Librarian, has been elected President of the Association of American Law Libraries. She brings national honor and recognition to the Law School. Frank Liu, Esquire, has been hired to assist Professor Hammond. Mr. Liu, who is presently at the Law Library of the University of Texas, will join us in October as Assistant Librarian.

Next, I plan to acquire an Admissions Counselor whose function will be to process applications, both for admission to the Law School and for financial aid. Such a person should be able to furnish more support for applicants than has been possible in the past, although I must say that our very badly understaffed Admissions Office has done an exceptionally fine job. (Ultimate admission and financial aid decisions will continue to be made by faculty committees.) One of the several additional consequences of the staffing of such a post would be to permit Assistant Dean Christine White Wiesner, who presently does most of the work necessary to compile the data needed by faculty financial aid committee, to devote substantially all of her time during critical periods to the problems of placement. Dean Wiesner, by the way, was an officer and is now Research Coordinator of the National Association for Law Placement. The Law School has been very well served by Dean Wiesner's work at the national level.

Our employment profile continues to be extraordinarily encouraging for times such as these. Last year at about this time (September 1st) the employment status of the Class of 1974 was: 141 employed, 12 unemployed and 50 graduates who had not notified us as to their situation. This year with an even tighter market the Class of '75 is a bit behind last year's pace, but making steady gains. Currently of the Class of '75 there are 126 employed, 42 as yet unemployed and 39 whose situation we do not know. You might be interested in our final tally with respect to the Class of 1974. Virtually all of the members of that class about whom we have information are employed, mostly in private practice, government service, clerkships and corporate legal departments. If the Class of '75 continues to make progress, we will have a similar result. Because many firms do not hire until the bar results are known, it will be some time before we can accurately assess the present state of the job market. Needless to say, any graduate reading this who has a position available that might be filled by a member of the Class of 1975, or any other class, is urged to contact Dean Wiesner.

There are two rather loosely related but important developments to be noted. The first is that the Law School is continuing its long-standing efforts to persuade the University to participate in the Federal work study program. If we are successful, and the Federal funds are still available, we can look forward to the creation of new opportunities within and without the school. The possibilities include faculty research assistants during the school year and summer, law library jobs and, very significantly, more help in the placement office. Of particular import, of course, would be the enhanced possibility of summer work in those governmental and non-profit agencies participating in the work study program.

The other development is the impending release of the fourth edition of the alumni

directory. The directory lists 1,758 graduates and is the product of the efforts of many people. I am particularly grateful to Professor Walter J. Taggart, Mrs. Donald A. Giannella, Assistant to the Dean for Alumni Affairs, and to Mrs. Mary Carroll and her colleagues on the secretarial staff, for their long hours of painstaking work. The directory will permit easier access to our graduates by students seeking positions. It will also permit easier professional contacts among our graduates. By the way, no one reading the directory can fail to be impressed by the achievements of our graduates in all aspects of our profession. I would be remiss if I did not point out that the acceptance by the profession of our recent graduates is an acknowledgment by the profession of the fine work done by our earlier graduates.

I am happy to report that our attempt to make graduation day more personal and rewarding to the graduates and their families met with great success. For many years the Law School has held a Class Day for the graduating seniors. Lately we have had to hold the exercise in the Field House to accommodate the approximately 1,200 people — graduates, family and friends — in attendance. That activity, which is now conducted the morning of graduation day, consisted of the conferral of academic awards and certificates for meritorious service to some of the graduates. As part of that exercise this year, I instituted a hooding ceremony during which each graduate present was called to the stage. The doctoral hood to be worn during the afternoon graduation ceremony was then placed over the graduate's head to the great applause and much picture-taking by family and friends. Large as we are in comparison to the early years of the school, we are still small enough to give to every graduate that one final moment of individual recognition. Every graduate is entitled to much more, but certainly no graduate should receive less.

I leave to subsequent columns in the Docket discussion by me or others of the extraordinarily fine academic, professional and community work performed by the faculty this past year, faculty changes and curriculum developments and the warm and generous response of the alumni to our newly revitalized annual alumni giving program. We have much to be thankful for and much to do. Let us give thanks to the source of our blessings and expend our energies in service to our profession and community.

AWARDS

Editor's Award

The Docket announces the institution of the *Editor's Award* in recognition of the efforts of the person who most contributed to the publication of *The Docket* throughout the year. The recipient will be announced in the year's final issue.

The Docket Trophy

This award, soon to be known as the "Coveted" Docket Trophy will be awarded to the championship teams in the law school intramural basketball and football leagues.



NEW PROFESSOR, S. PRAKASH SINHA

by Sharon Scullin Gratch

Congratulations are due Professor Walsh who led the faculty recruitment effort that was able to secure the services of S. Prakash Sinha. Scanning his resume, which includes six degrees, six books, countless published articles, professional committee appointments that would excite the envy of Henry Kissinger, employment experience that spans three countries, six states and includes teaching, writing, market research, cost accounting and a stint as a trust officer, one is struck by the obvious realization that the law school is fortunate to have brought Professor Sinha here. The obvious question is, why Villanova was so fortunate.

One reason is Villanova's proximity to New York. Prof. Sinha is one of the 25 to 30 world leaders and policy makers who constitute the Columbia University Seminar on the Problem of Peace. He will attend the bi-monthly meetings from his convenient location on the Main Line.

Besides being famous and bright, Prof. Sinha plays the sitar so well that he has been on local television, has driven across Europe to India twice. He also plays badminton, chess and writes fiction, spent his first wedding anniversary in a police station in Iran — you begin to realize that this is no ordinary fellow.

He has been married for 11 years. His wife Jessica edits and writes professionally and lends occasional aid to Prof. Sinha in the writing of his books for which she receives grateful acknowledgement but no money. Their daughter, Sonia, is 3½, and is a potential citizen of Canada, her birthplace; India, her father's country; or the United States, her mother's country.

Rave reviews of Prof. Sinha's teaching method are already beginning to pour in from his students and there will be a rush to sign up for the courses he will be teaching in the fall. You do begin to see how different this man is, I'm sure. It will be a pleasure having him at Villanova as a visiting scholar.

NEW CLINICAL COURSES

by Faith LaSalle

Although the traditional Socratic approach continues to prevail in the majority of law schools in the nation, the trend in legal education today is to supplement this "classical" method with practical experience.

In an effort to help students use their knowledge to solve legal problems, the administration introduced two new courses into the curriculum. "Community Legal Services" for upperclassmen and "Introduction to Lawyering Skills" for first year students are both offered on a pass/fail basis.

Students can now elect Community Legal Services, previously an extra-curricular activity at the school, for a two semester course. Approximately twenty students registered for the course this year and five students volunteered to work at the Delaware County Community Legal Services in addition to their normal course load. Volunteers are welcome to join the program at the beginning of each semester. A student must elect the course for a year to receive credit.

The clinical program starts with training sessions which familiarize the students with the activities of the Chester and Darby divisions of Delaware County's legal services. Under the supervision of Professor Wenk, and attorneys working at the legal services, the students then have the opportunity to put to use the legal know how that they have acquired through their traditional classroom education.

"It's getting at the nitty gritty of law before we get out of school," said Kenneth Jewell, a third year student who is participating in CLS for the second year.

Specifically, this clinical program offers a student the chance to interview clients, improve his legal writing skills, draft pleadings and work with attorneys through verbal communication and through correspondence.

The legal experience is only one reason why students work for CLS of Delaware County.

"It's helping people who need help that I find nice. The attorneys in most legal services are overworked. Through our work at CLS, we are able to help more people in the area who need legal assistance," said Mr. Jewell.

Other students enjoy working for the local CLS as an extra-curricular activity and do not regard it as part of their curriculum.

Al Lourie, who chose to continue working as a volunteer this year after CLS was offered for course credit, explained, "I prefer to see CLS as a chance to do something else other than studying classroom materials. And, I plan to keep it as an extra-curricular activity."

The introduction of CLS into the curriculum as a clinical program will not replace CLS as an activity. It will continue to function under the guidance of a student Board of Directors. This year, Board members include Kenneth Jewell, William Nugent, Peter Paras, Leigh Phillips and Bob Steinberg.

For first year students, a new course entitled "Introduction to Lawyering Skills"

replaces the traditional legal researching course. It, too, will emphasize the practical use of the legal knowledge that a student acquires in traditional classroom instruction.

"It's much more relevant to the actual practice of law than most of the first year courses," explained Professor McNamara, the faculty member who organized the course.

"The first year greatly distorts what a lawyer really does by focusing on appellant cases," he explained. "It actually de-emphasizes what a lawyer does by giving the facts after they have been determined."

The new course will show the student how to spot the facts and how to organize the case from these facts, according to Prof. McNamara.

The eleven week course is divided into small sections consisting of 36 students. Each group is then organized into teams of four which will work on a case for the semester.

The program includes eight lectures presented by Professor Hammond. The course also offers practice in interviewing clients, writing memorandums and complaints, and developing litigation strategy.

Professors Barry, Hammond, McNamara, and Abraham are teaching the course, assisted by third year students from the Moot Court Board. The teaching assistants are available to help the students as they encounter problems while working on their "first" case.

The course is one semester and, in January, will be followed by the first year Moot Court course in which students will write an appellate brief and present it before a panel of judges.

LIU NAMED ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

by Kim McFadden

The law school welcomes Frank Liu to the library staff. Mr. Liu was recently appointed assistant librarian to the law library. A 1965 summa cum laude graduate of National Taiwan University, Mr. Liu earned both a Masters in Comparative Jurisprudence and a Masters in Library Science (MLS) at the University of Texas at Austin. He has also done post MLS study at UT in systems analysis and library automation.

Miss Hammond, recently elected President of the American Association of Law Librarians, anticipates that her new post will make frequent travelling demands on her time. The need for an assistant to take charge during her absence spurred the move to hire. Miss Hammond is confident that with Mr. Liu's help, more reference material will become available for faculty and student use. There will also be an improvement in the recent acquisitions list.

Selected from a pool of a dozen applicants, Mr. Liu will bring fresh, experienced ideas to the library services available here at the law school.

WELCOME

by Tom Blazusiak
Editor-in-Chief

The editors and staff of the Docket wish to welcome the first year class to Villanova. And, though it may not seem like it now, time will pass and so will you if you can just bear down and bear it.

You are joining some 2,600 persons, either students or alumni, who have been involved with the school. They hail from most states of this country, and many foreign countries. Among them are United States congressmen, judges and a wide range of other professionals.

In its young life, the law school has much to be proud of. It has risen, in its notably short existence, to be one of the better national law schools. At the same time, the people and the atmosphere of the law school are quite friendly. Both aspects should be sources of pride. And while much remains to be done, many problems to be corrected, and many frustrations to be endured, there is much good to be said about Villanova Law; or else what are we all doing here?

COLUMNIST'S CORNER

CALLING A SPADE, A SPADE

by Sharon Scullin Gratch

During the week of September 16, someone left a written message in the office of the Black Law Students Association. This is not the first time that such a message has been delivered to Balsa. It said, and I delete the expletive to save someone the trouble of editing it out. "F___ you spook, you will never make good law students." Two similar incidents were reported to the administration by Roland Blossom last year. But this message became a symbol of the cumulative, pervasive racism of this school for the president of Balsa, Barbara Dennis. Ms. Dennis included the message in a scathing indictment of its author in an open letter which she posted along the corridors. The administration removed her statement and only allowed her to replace it with the profanity blacked out.

The fascinating part of this sordid episode is the reaction of some of the faculty and students. Please note that I say "some." You can try the shoe on for size. You are the people that Barbara Dennis was addressing in her letter. You read her words and were outraged—not that this sickening form of malevolent ignorance could still exist in the 20th Century, but that Barbara Dennis had the temerity to protest against it publicly.

You expressed hurt surprise that black students at this school should feel anything but right at home: "Everyone knows that they get special treatment." Blind to the letter's reference to an unbroken series of racial slurs and the author's thwarted desire to get through as quietly as possible, you said to each other, "One short note and they make a racial crisis over it." Denying the hate in your own heart, you were disproportionately angered by the intensity of Ms. Dennis's

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Upperclass members of the S.B.A. and Professor Walsh.

S.B.A. REPORT

by Charles E. McClafferty
S.B.A. President

This new feature in The Docket will serve a dual purpose. Hopefully it will be informational in regards to both the activities and the problems of the Student Body, and secondly it will satisfy the Constitutional requirement that mandates a presidential report to the Students at least once a semester.

Before proceeding any further, the Student Bar Association would like to welcome the Class of 1978 to Villanova Law School, and it hopes that your stay here is as meaningful and pleasant as it has been for the second and third year Classes.

During the past summer, I represented the Law School along with Vin DiMonte and Phil Collins, at the American Bar Association Law Student Division Convention. As you probably know the meetings were held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. At the convention Lynne Gold of Villanova was elected president of the Law Student Division; the S.B.A. congratulates her. Also attending the Montreal meetings were some 40 S.B.A. presidents from law schools throughout the nation; those attending came from schools as varied in age and prestige as Yale to the newest accredited law school in the country, Delaware Law School. The meetings of the S.B.A. presidents took the form of workshops where ideas and problems were discussed in hopes of finding answers to mutual questions. As a direct result of this interchange of ideas, those present formed a new organization, hopefully to be comprised of all the S.B.A. presidents throughout the nation. This group has as its purpose the creation of a central clearing house for ideas and information, where any S.B.A., confronted with a novel situation, could draw on the accumulated experience of others. Since this group is so new we cannot be sure of absolute success. The future however, seems bright.

Getting back to the primary purpose of this article, dealing with matters directly affecting Villanova, I would like to thank Carl Viniar for his excellent job in directing this year's orientation. I'd further like to thank those who acted as colleagues, the faculty and the administration and especially Anne Payne, without whom nothing would work at Villanova.

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EXAM RESOLUTION

The Law School's Student-Faculty Committee is a group comprised of the heads of student organizations and Professors Cannon, McNamara and Rothman. The purpose of this group is to foster a meeting of the minds on law school issues. Such topics as placing a student on the Admissions, and Faculty Tenure and Review committees are discussed, as well as how to create a more relaxed rapport between faculty and students.

Most recently, however, the issue of the recently promulgated exam schedule was discussed. The student feeling is that because of scheduling tests too close together there will be inadequate time for review.

The student sub-committee passed a resolution expressing its disfavor with the present setup and calling for a revamping of the scheduling of tests to permit a more equitable exam taking procedure.

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INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY

by Jim Guidera

The Villanova International Law Society began its fall program of lectures on topics of international law with two events in September.

The speaker series opened on Tuesday, September 16 with a talk by Mr. Alan Choate entitled, "Practicing International Law in Philadelphia and Other Cities." Mr. Choate, who is a member of the Philadelphia firm of Pepper, Hamilton, and Scheetz, gave a broad overview of the developing field of public and private international law.

The International Law Society sponsored a second lecture on Tuesday, September 30 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. David Jones of the Philadelphia firm of Erskine, Wolfson, Pierson, and Jones, spoke on "Problems of Estate Work Across National Borders." Mr. Jones is a counsel to the Polish Embassy in Washington, and his firm has recently established an associate office in Warsaw.

The International Law Society is also planning future lectures this fall on the utility of international law in the Arab-Israeli conflict. For the spring, efforts are under way to make Villanova the host of the regional meeting of the American Society of International Law.

Formed at the School of Law last February, the International Law Society attempts to acquaint Villanova Law students with the practice of international law in the public and private sector. This year the officers are third year students Tassos Efstratiades, Gene Grace, and Dave Stockwell. There are no dues, and membership is open to all students at the law school.

NEW LAW REVIEW AND MOOT COURT STAFFS

by Kim McFadden

The seventy-one member Law Review is planning a symposium to be held in the spring on the legal aspects of fetal research. They are currently seeking speakers and organizing events.

Membership in the Law Review is based on grades and open writing submissions to the Review. This year's editor-in-chief is Steve Brown. He is assisted by three managing editors: Preston Granberry, in charge of student work; Phil Kircher, editor of non-student submissions; and Pam Maki, projects editor and Third Circuit Review Editor. Brian North and Chris Torre serve as articles editors on the Review.

The Law Review is published six times a year in February, March, May, June, November and December. Volume 20 Nos. 2-3 of the Review is currently available. Volume 20 Nos. 4-6 are planned and currently being worked on. They are expected to be available on schedule.

Ned Gladstein, Chairman of Moot Court II and Reimel Moot Court Competition,

says that no significant changes will be made in this year's Moot Court program. There are forty-five teams registered for Moot Court II, whose credit rounds will be held Oct. 20-22 from 7 to 9 P.M.

The first rounds of the Reimel Competition will be on Oct. 15th and 16th at 7 and 9 P.M. The twenty-six teams enlisted in the competition are composed primarily of second year students. Moot Court I, scheduled for second semester, will be chaired by Joe Kenney. Six third-year members of the board are serving in advisory capacities to the lawyering skills program.

Membership to Moot Court is also based on grades. There are nineteen members of this year's Moot Court Board. Third year members of the Board are: Jeremy Mathis, Adam Bernstein, Carol Smith, Joe Kenney, Tom Lavery, Pam Holmes, Jan Kemp, Priscilla Walrath, and Ned Gladstein. Second year members are: Debbie Lerner, Jim Staudt, Sandra Kaufmann, Gary Bragg, Frank Baker, Reginald Krasney, Andrew Dohan, Joe Murphy, Jack Loughhead, and Clinton Kemp.

SBA Report

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Encouraged by the reaction to last year's film programs, the S.B.A. will again sponsor a film series organized and presented through the efforts of Marc Weingarten and Steve Wilson.

Two foreign and two domestic films have been selected to reflect the theme "The Law: Antecedents and Decedents." The first is "Brothers in Law," a 1957 Boulting Bros. comedy from England, which presents the misadventures of Sam Carmichael and Richard Attenborough as two novice barristers in a large London law firm and Terry-Thomas as a veteran crook armed with an invaluable knowledge of loopholes.

The second selection is "Foreign Correspondent" a vintage Hitchcock thriller in which the master of suspense pits American reporter Joel McCrea against the wiles of a Nazi Spy ring operating in 1940.

The third movie in this series is entitled "Sword of Doom," directed by Kihachi Okamoto and starring Toshiro Mifune. Set in feudal Japan, the film is a stark and violent exploration of the Samurai idiom.

The fourth selection will be announced later (Did I hear a request for "The Caine Mutiny"?). Times and places of the screenings will be widely and loudly published.

This year's social season, under the direction of Bill Brennan, will include the ever popular T.G.I.F.'s, Mixers, the annual Dinner Dance and for the first time this year, a Christmas Trip to the North Pole, where we will watch Santa Claus play the role of Professor Dowd.

Perhaps the most important function the S.B.A. will perform in the early fall will be the election of first year representatives to the Executive Board and a special election to fill a vacancy from the Second Year Class. Sue Freidman is the new Chairman of Elections.

The winners in the S.B.A. election were first year at large: Jane Seeger; first year -A: Sam Becker; first year -B: Collen McCusker; second year at large: Tony Tinari.

The winners in the Honor Board election were third year students Eric Sterling, Alan

Lourie, and William Nugent; second year students Corky Freedman, Robin Lehrer, Marina Liacouras, and Bob Genuario; first year -A students Noreen A. Buinewicz, Cynthia Lea Garman; and first year -B students Dennis McAndrews and Walter Kubiak.

Finally, I'd like to say a few words on the role of the S.B.A. Since this organization is both a governmental and service organization, it needs the cooperation of those whom it serves and governs. With that cooperation it can and will serve as a useful tool for student interaction and input in the affairs of Villanova Law School. Without that cooperation, it will cease to be anything other than a social organization. The choice is yours. If you want a successful student government, you must remain aware of the issues that face the Law School, and you must keep your representatives informed of your feelings on these issues. Remember, the silent majority never wins.

THE FIRST FALL AT LAW SCHOOL

Burnt orange moon, sweet as the sugar
Warm as the night is cold,
Over the trees at Villanova.

Alone the young man, warm as the moon,
Alone as the books are many.
Alive in the midst of the books,
Which hold the laws of the dead.

But cold he grows, Cold as the words,
Dry as the Print is Black,
Pallid as a morning moon.
The words will win, the lights grow dim,
Over the trees at Villanova,
Which hold the birds of the dead.

Sue E. Generis



"Look at all the ..." A Docket Sentence Completion.

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A second new program is the return to the use of the L.S.D. representative a percentage of the dues for campus projects. This will, hopefully, increase L.S.D. visibility on campus by providing money for local programs.

One of the critical themes which Ms. Gold stressed was that of communication. She pointed out that her visits throughout the country this year greatly expanded her awareness of the thoughts and ideas of others.

President Gold spoke of how, through the Client Counseling Competition Program, Law Student Division could facilitate one's development of lawyering skills. The competition involves teams of two students who interview a "client" and then counsel the individual on the possible legal solutions to the problem. The team is judged by a panel of people in the profession. Last year, Villanova participated in the competition for the first time, and more teams are encouraged to enter this year's competition, the topic of which is "Litigation and Its Alternatives in the Contract Area."

Present in Montreal and active in the election campaign were Vin DiMonte, '76, L.S.D. representative; Phil Collins, '77, alternate representative; and Charles McClafferty, '76, S.B.A. President. All three were awarded Silver Keys for "Distinguished Service to the Division" for their participation on National Committees. McClafferty was also active in forming an S.B.A. Presidents' Association as an adjunct to the L.S.D.

The new president extends an invitation to all students at Villanova to join the organization, saying that "Law Student Division has a great many benefits to offer." Volunteers are anxiously sought to serve on the L.S.D. Committee, and to provide ideas as to potential projects by the Committee.

Asked how she manages to find the time to do all that is required, Ms. Gold reflected: "Some people have 32 hours in their day; others need little sleep. Falling into neither category, I try to be very organized, rely heavily on my children to help around the house, and expect everyone in the organization to help in the L.S.D./A.B.A. Somehow or other, it seems to work."

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of the retiring librarian. Professor Hammond has made several trips to the West Coast to oversee AALL functions on the national and local chapter level. She also is a frequent traveler to Washington D.C. by virtue of her appointment to the position of Depository Library Counsel to the Public Printer of the Government Printing Office.

As all who use the law library are well aware, it is no small task to efficiently operate a law library. The skill and energy that Prof. Hammond has shown here in establishing the Pulling Law Library as one of the great American law libraries will certainly prove valuable to the AALL and all of its law library members.



The Doctoral Hood is placed on a graduate by Dean J. Willard O'Brien, and Professor Robert Walsh.

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opment of a prototype law office to make more efficient and less costly legal services for the lower middle-income group and the establishment of a center for the victims of crimes.

"Nothing definite has been formulated at the moment," Collins said. "We'll find out what the community needs might be and see to what extent our facilities are adaptable to their needs. We'll also look at what other law schools have done."

Collins said that a program such as assistance to victims of crimes would be "most within our capabilities."

"We could give legal advice as to how a victim should handle himself," he said. "Involvement is almost always traumatic and a victim may be spending an interminable amount of time with the police."

"So many people just walk away. They don't prosecute or they try to avoid appearing as a witness," he said. "Prosecuting officers give some assistance, but they handle cases en masse and the amount of individual attention is minimal."

Previous to coming to Villanova, Collins was in practice in Hawaii for a number of years and served as president of the Hawaii Bar Association. He has also served on the faculties of law at Catholic University and Boston College. He is a member of the Hawaii and Massachusetts Bars, the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

by Suzanne Black

Dean J. Willard O'Brien's innovation to the Villanova Law School's traditional Class Day exercises last May was a hooding ceremony as part of the graduation activities. As Associate Dean J. Edward Collins announced each name, the student walked across the stage to receive his hood from Dean O'Brien. Professor Robert Walsh assisted the Dean in placing the hoods upon the graduates.

The award of prizes was conducted in a similar manner as in previous Class Day exercises. An innovation in this area lay in the announcement by the faculty advisor to a student activity of the names of the graduates recognized for meritorious service to that organization. This change was heralded as allowing greater faculty participation in the Class Day program. A luncheon was held as usual for the graduates and their guests at the Law School, followed by the University Commencement in the afternoon at the Field House.

Reaction to the introduction of the conferral of the doctoral hood was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. The ceremony was especially gratifying to the students in that they all received personal recognition on Class Day as opposed to previous years when only the graduates receiving awards played an active role.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Annual "Red Mass" will be held on Saturday, October 25, 1975 at 7 P.M. The homilist will be Reverend John M. Driscall, O.S.A.



Mrs. Giannella

ALUMNI BRIEFS

During all the time since the founding of Villanova Law School, the ties to the ever growing alumni were tenuous and informal. For years, former Dean Reuschlein would make personally all of the contacts with the alumni that were made. There was no organized giving campaign; in fact there was no organization at all.

During the last year however, this has all changed. Mrs. Giannella, wife of the late Professor Donald Giannella, was appointed to head the Alumni Affairs Office for the Law School. Since her appointment she has gotten an active alumni organization off the ground and already has made some significant accomplishments.

To begin with, an alumni association has been founded, and officers named. The President is Mark H. Plafker '64. The President-Elect is Joseph A. Tate '66. Other officers include Vice President Bernard J. McLafferty '61, Martin G. McGuinn '67, and Patrick C. Campbell '65. Members of the association include graduates in 35 states and in a variety of positions.

The Law School Alumni Committee is comprised of Dean O'Brien, Professor Taggart and Mrs. Giannella. And while the organization is young it is growing in responsibilities, as well as members. The major duties of the office so far have evolved around organization of a giving campaign. In December of 1974 the campaign began, comprising mass mailings of 2 or 3 times a year for solicitation and information. All but the most recent graduates were solicited. The Classes of 1973 and 1974 gave on an average of \$35. Earlier classes averaged more per alumni. Coupled with gifts from corporations and other sources, the first year total was \$25,707.68. This amount includes \$8,016.84 given to the Donald A. Giannella Memorial Fund begun by the Class of 1974.

Mrs. Giannella expresses her sincere gratitude to all the alumni and friends who made contributions to the memorial fund named in honor of her husband.

For the future, the association will attempt to bring the alumni closer to their alma mater with programs now under study. All the alumni can help by filling out and returning the card in this edition of *The Docket*.

ALUMNI INTERVIEW

United States Congressman, John J. LaFalce, is a 1964 Villanova Law School graduate. He resides in the town of Tonawanda, New York. He served in the Army Adjutant General Corps; was awarded the United States Army Commendation Medal; served as a law clerk to the Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy. He was a member of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and was nominated for the Lieutenant Governorship of New York State at the Democratic State Nominating Convention in 1974. He has served as a Lecturer in Law at George Washington University, and as a visiting lecturer at various other colleges.

On November 5, 1974, he was elected to the 94th Congress where he serves on the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing, and the House Committee on Small Business. He was recently given the man of the year award of the New York State General Contractors Association for having done more for the construction industry in New York State than any other person, for among other things, getting enacted into legislation an amendment to the National Environmental Policy Act which had the effect of creating some 300,000 jobs in the state. This award had been given the year before to Governor Nelson Rockefeller. The bill was also the first bill to be passed by a first year member of the 94th Congress.

Congressman LaFalce spoke with *The Docket* on a wide range of subjects, in a taped telephone conversation. The following is a synopsis of that conversation, and therefore, the remarks should not be considered as direct quotations.

Docket:

About your days at Villanova; I understand that you were quite a student—you won the Administrative Law Prize.

Mr. LaFalce:

Oh, I suppose that I did extremely well in the courses that I liked, and with the teachers that I liked; and I did poorly in the courses that I didn't like—and, this too, was usually dependent on the teacher. Because if I had a good teacher, I usually liked the course and did extremely well—first or second in the class. If I had a poor teacher, I usually hated the course; didn't attend the class; and did poorly. So it depends. I think I came in first in a number of my classes, but by the same token, there were a few that, ah, let's just say that I didn't come anywhere near that.

Docket:

May I ask who was your favorite Professor, or what was your favorite area of the law while you were here?

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Congressman John J. LaFalce.

INFORMATION PLEASE

Dear Alumnus:

We want to make sure that each alumnus is receiving *The Docket*. If your address differs from the address on the label, please fill in the "cutout" below and send it in.

If you know of an alumnus who is *not* receiving *The Docket* we would likewise appreciate your help in finding him.

We are also interested in finding out what you are doing and have done since graduation. So fill in the card below and send it in. Also, if there is any particular event which would be of interest to our readers, please feel free to enclose a letter.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Blazusiak
Editor in Chief

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Mr. LaFalce:

Well, that's difficult to say. I would say that my favorite, I hate to pinpoint one individual, but if I had to, I'd have to go with Giannella. That's why I did very well in all his courses. He had an outstanding mind. He was always extremely well prepared. He conducted a great class—really made you think.

Docket:

Did you have Professor Collins for Commercial Law when you were here?

Mr. LaFalce:

Yes, I certainly did.

Docket:

Did you follow Professor Collins' method when you taught Commercial Law at George Washington?

Mr. LaFalce:

Almost to the tee.

Docket:

So you liked that kind of learning experience?

Mr. LaFalce:

Well, I didn't like it when I was going through it, but I do now. It's the only way. I mean there's one thing you have to do in law school, and that's not learn what the law is, but learn how to think as an attorney; to learn how to develop a legal mind is the most important thing you should be doing during law school. Everything else you can do after that. But to develop a legal mind can only be done—I shouldn't say only—but what you can do in those three years, you can never do again.

Docket:

You told us about what sort of courses you liked. Were there any that you just didn't care for?

Mr. LaFalce:

Well, I wasn't too fond of any of my real property or any of my taxation courses.

Docket:

Mr. LaFalce, what do you think about minority legal education. Do the nation's law schools have a particular duty to minorities?

Mr. LaFalce:

Well, I do think we have a particular obligation to minorities to attempt to reach out to them to let them know the availability of educational opportunity, to work with them, to solicit their applications.

But I do think that we have to have a certain standard. I don't think that we should lower our eligibility standards.

Docket:

If you had to do it over again, after college, is there anything you would have done differently?

Mr. LaFalce:

No, I enjoyed myself. I loved my three years in law school. I will always look back at my three years in law school as three of the best years of my life. I made great, great friends. Enjoyed every minute of it. Where else could you find a law school with so many girls colleges within a five minute drive?

Docket:

What are some of the issues that you have been particularly interested in as a Congressman? I know that some of your committee work is concerned with the perennial issue of housing.

Mr. LaFalce:

Well, I'm extremely interested in the issue of housing. I introduced a bill entitled, "The Neighborhood Preservation and Rehabilitation Act of 1975." . . . I think we must give greater attention to the preservation of existing stock as a means of coping with the problems of urban decay, rather than razing the land and then building anew. We can do this more readily in some cities than others. I think Philadelphia offers great potential for the preservation of existing neighborhoods.

Docket:

If we could talk about, maybe the biggest issue today, how do you feel about the energy crisis and possible solutions?

Mr. LaFalce:

Now what we should be doing is attempting to reduce our consumption as much as we can, without using the price mechanism as the primary means. We can reduce consumption in many different ways. We can impose import quotas along with a mandatory allocation system. We can exhort, encourage and even mandate more energy efficient products. The time to do that has come. Now we certainly want to give adequate lead time to the manufacturers in order to produce more energy efficient products; but we have to do it. We also have to have a crash program, I mean a *crash* program, similar to our Apollo program for the development of alternate energy resources.

Docket:

On the recently concluded Egyptian-Israeli Truce Agreement. Do you view it as a significant step in reducing the possibility of war?

Mr. LaFalce:

Well, that's an interesting question. It certainly will with Egypt; but there are more Arab States than Egypt.

(Mr. LaFalce went on to express misgivings with the truce in that it did not include the other Arab nations, and by not doing so may have fostered the American position with the principals, but may ultimately permit Russia to become the dominant party in so far as the other Arab States are concerned. But, Mr. LaFalce said he does feel that the agreement has had the salutary effect of promoting the United States as having a more even handed approach to all parties in the Middle East. And because it may have been a question of this agreement or no agreement he said that he was inclined to favor it.)

Docket:

Turning to a domestic issue, have you any feelings on the equal rights amendment?

Mr. LaFalce:

Well, I support the equal rights amendment, primarily as a matter of equity. But, I wouldn't say that it's high on my agenda of priority items.

Docket:

Do you have misgivings about it?

Mr. LaFalce:

It's not that I have misgivings about it. It's not going to accomplish all the proponent would claim. It's not going to result in what some of its opponents claim either. On balance, I favor it. When I say on balance, I mean there are plenty of pros and plenty of cons.

I think it's important to realize that we should be in favor of equality of roles, but not necessarily identity of roles. And too many women today are confusing equality with identity.

Docket:

There has been a lot of talk about the changing of the lawyer's role in society and for one thing permitting advertisement by lawyers as a device to trim fees.

Mr. LaFalce:

I think that the day the attorney is permitted to advertise, and the day that the attorney is competing for clients by listing the fees he charges for certain items, and therefore trying to put in the lowest bid, will be disastrous, not for attorneys but for the American public.

(When asked how he viewed the increase in law school enrollment and the possible use of bar exams to control the amount of attorneys in a state, Mr. LaFalce said that he seriously doubted the need to take a bar examination, and that completion of 3 years of an accredited law school might be a better test than a bar exam.)

Docket:

I'd like to ask you what you perceive to be some of the most important issues in the country today.

Mr. LaFalce:

Well the most important, as I perceive it, today, is how to make the government work on behalf of the people. And that's going to mean a reexamination of our entire governmental system. You have to ask such ques-

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The Canadian Conventioneers. See "Gold" Story, Page 1.

SPORTS SCENE

by Mike Casale

It seems as each new year of law school begins, there are more and more athletic activities to divert one's time.

The ICC, headed by Jimmy Ronan, will again sponsor the popular football league. The league should be wide open this year with last year's champs, Cardozo-Ives "A" Team, having played out its eligibility (graduated might have been too sweeping a term for that team), and the runners-up from Taney-More face serious rebuilding. Bob Dean, this year's football commissioner, plans to change the league from touch to flag football to be run under a set of rules similar to those in the undergraduate intramural league. Play has always been spirited and sometimes gets out of hand, so Bob feels use of I.M. Department referees will keep the games under control. Personally, I don't think it's possible to control guys like Al "the enforcer" Romano, but let's wait and see.

The ICC also has a volleyball league in the works, open to men and women, as are all sports activities.

The ICC is not the only sponsor of sports in the school. Even the staid SBA gets into the act with its Third Annual Tennis Tournament. A special feature of the tennis tournament is that the professors get into the act; and the rumor is "Mac" wants some glory "bad." And since this is his last "bite at the apple," he'll be tough on those set points.

Finally, there are some independent organizations providing still other ways to let off steam. Starting its third fall season is the Garey Hall Rugby Football Club. The club is open, but not limited to any law student. Experience is *not* necessary. Scott Ried, the captain this year, is one of the few players with college experience. The team is working hard to match last year's record of 9 wins and 3 losses. The team, besides showing its ability to play and consume alcohol right with some of the more established area teams, has also come to be known as one of the more gentlemanly teams, an important aspect of very traditional-minded Rugby. The secretary, Mike Casale, reports that the club had many more offers for games than the limited fall playing time would allow. The schedule has already been posted, and everyone is anxious to attend the games and never-ending post game parties.

For those that like their punishment on ice instead of a playing field, ice hockey teams may be formed for the first time. Steve Brown is the man to see. Steve, who is rumored to have made law review on the strength of his slap shot, wants all the bodies out there he can get. Experience is, again, not necessary.

Many different people and organizations are working to provide these activities. Take advantage of them, either as a spectator or participant!

The ruggers of yesteryear demonstrate the great tradition that continues this season.



PEDAGOGUE'S PIGSKIN PICKS

by Professor Robert Walsh

With the understanding that no warranties are created by these predictions and that anyone foolish enough to detrimentally rely thereon assumes the risk, here is how I believe the standings in the National Football League will look at the end of the season:

NATIONAL EAST

1. Cowboys
2. Redskins
3. Eagles
4. Cardinals
5. Giants

CENTRAL

1. Vikings
2. Bears
3. Packers
4. Lions

WEST

1. Rams
2. 49ers
3. Saints
4. Falcons

AMERICAN EAST

1. Dolphins
2. Bills
3. Jets
4. Patriots
5. Colts

CENTRAL

1. Steelers
2. Bengals
3. Oilers
4. Browns

WEST

1. Raiders
2. Broncos
3. Chargers
4. Chiefs

(2) *American Conference:* Steelers have the best defense; Raiders have the best offense. One will be in the Super Bowl against the Rams. For those in my fall classes, pray that James Harris has one of his good games and that Rams cornerbacks hold up in Miami this coming January. Buffalo will be the conference wild card team. The Jets will finish ahead of the Pats only because it now appears that Namath will play more games than Plunkett this season.

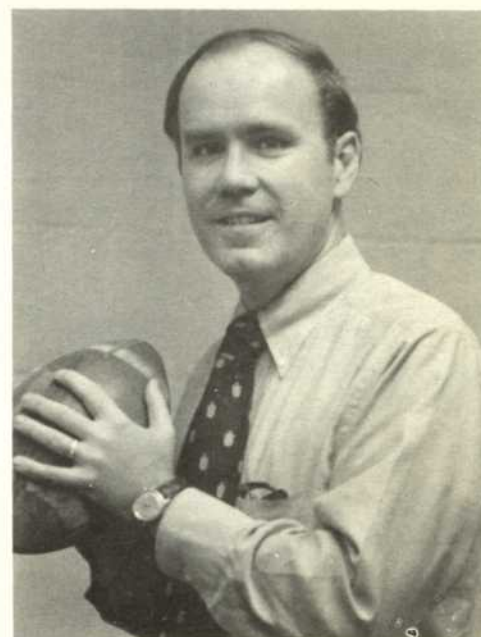
(3) *Best Bets for Honors:* Conference M.V.P.'s: Lawrence McCutcheon and Fran Tarkenton in National Conference and Ken Stabler and O. J. in American. Best rookies: Walter Payton of Bears and Russ Francis of Pats.

In any event, remember that the issue is not whether you agree with these predictions, but whether they are "supported by substantial evidence."

(Ed. Note: These predictions were made prior to the beginning of the season).

Footnotes:

(1) *National Conference:* Despite bad pre-season and the loss of last year's running backs and Bob Lilly, Dallas with best offensive line in the division and good defense will narrowly win the eastern division. Redskins will have offensive problems, but the best defense in the division will make them the N.F.C.'s wild card team before they go on Social Security next year. Eagles have a good coach, great middle linebacker, and talent at the skill positions, but ordinary line play and tough schedule will keep them out of the playoffs. Other divisions won't even be close. Bears will finish a distant second to Vikes on improving defense, if quarterbacks don't throw too many passes to the opposition. Rams with best depth and offensive-defensive balance in the league will easily win the West and be the conference representative in the Super Bowl. Falcons are "irreparably harmed" by injury to Claude Humphrey.



VILLANOVA'S GOLD BECOMES L.S.D. PRESIDENT

by Vin DiMonte



On August 11, it was announced to the Law Student Division, House of Delegates in Montreal, that Lynne Gold of Villanova Law School had become President of the Law Student Division. She is the first woman to hold this position and the first female president of any division of the American Bar Association.

Ms. Gold recently discussed her election and her plans for the upcoming year with "The Docket". She began by viewing the election as a symbol that the A.B.A. welcomes participation and leadership by all in the divergent law school population. Also, it demonstrated that there was a place in the law school experience for those people, especially married women like herself, who had returned to the educational process after a long absence. She left college when she got married, then returned to college twelve years and four children later. She was valedictorian at Albright College, before entering Villanova Law School in 1973.

The new president then spoke of her desire to make students more aware of the "activist" possibilities of the Division: "The representation of the L.S.D./A.B.A. in the A.B.A. House of Delegates gives law students a strong voice in A.B.A. policy . . .". She also hopes to involve more members in the many opportunities and services which Law Student Division provides. There are plans to establish more contacts with the organized bar and to increase the opportunity of meeting law students and lawyers from across the country.

One of her campaign programs is the creation of an L.S.D. committee at each school: "Traditionally, the L.S.D. representative, the key to L.S.D./A.B.A. success, has been the only contact, apart from the *Student Lawyer*, which the individual member has had with the national office."

President Gold stated further: "An L.S.D. Committee, composed of members from each class of the law school, could perform all the duties of the single representative. The committee form serves a dual purpose. It provides a continuity of knowledge and interest, as well as the reservoir of talent and enthusiasm needed to perform the representative's functions. In addition, it involves more students in the Division."

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A.A.L.L. NAMES PROFESSOR HAMMOND, PRESIDENT

by Barry Schuster

If a librarian had only properly instructed Moses on his search for the Laws, it might not have been necessary for him to climb all the way to the mountain top and then carry around two large stones. Today, such problems can be circumvented by well informed and up to date law libraries. Since its founding in 1906, the American Association of Law Libraries has sought to promote such high standards of librarianship by increasing the usefulness of law libraries. By maintaining an active dialogue among its nearly 2000 members, located in the U.S., Canada, and several foreign countries, the AALL provides law librarians with resources, programs, and techniques necessary to keep the libraries complete, efficient, and current.

With these standards and goals in mind, the members of the AALL have elected Jane Hammond, Professor of Law and Law Librarian of the Villanova School of Law, to the post of President of the AALL. Professor Hammond, who received her J.D. from Villanova, assumes this prestigious position with highly respected credentials. She previously held two major chairpersonships in the Association and was the AALL secretary from 1966-1968. Ms. Hammond, although formally installed as President this past June in ceremonies in California, began her rigorous term in the summer of 1974. Since that time, her life has hardly been that



Professor Jane Hammond

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NEW ASSOC. DEAN, J. EDWARD COLLINS

By Louis C. Rosen

Prof. J. Edward Collins, a member of the law school faculty since 1961, has been appointed Associate Dean.

Collins has in the past been chairman of the admissions committee, a very time-consuming position. In an interview Collins said that he will continue his admissions activities, although the level of his participation will depend on a general reorganization.

In his new post of Associate Dean, Collins will be responsible for registration problems, class schedules, examination scheduling, the school calendar and student recruitment. His teaching schedule will be reduced although he will continue to teach Contracts and Contract Drafting.

"I would like to be involved in classroom work as much as possible," Collins said. "But the demands of this position may mean I'll have to back off."

The immediate concern, Collins said, is to relieve Dean J. Willard O'Brien of some of the day-to-day routine of the law school. Collins will, for example, act as a buffer when students come in with their problems.

In addition, Collins will assist in the development of programs designed to make the law school more responsive to the needs of the profession and the community. Under consideration are institutes for members of the profession, programs for the improvement of legal services for the aged, the devel-

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